MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Special Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Thursday, July 9, 2026
3:30pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Councillors Present:
Warden Nicholas MacInnis
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Richelle MacLaughlin
Councillor Shawn Brophy
Councillor Wayne Melanson
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Sterling Garvie

Regrets:
Deputy Warden John Dunbar
Councillor Adam Baden-Clay

Staff Present:
Shirlyn Donovan, CAO
Alisha Bowie, Administrative Assistant
John Bain, Director, EDPC

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Call to Order- Warden MacInnis

Warden MacInnis called the meeting to order 3:30pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden MacInnis called for approval of the Council meeting agenda. Mrs. Donovan added a Staff memo.

Min # 2026-101
Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Consideration of the June 23, 2026 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden MacInnis called for any errors or omissions in the minutes of June 23, 2026. Hearing no concerns, the minutes were considered accepted as presented.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

New Business

Grant Review - John Howard Society

The John Howard Society missed the community partnership grant application deadline earlier in the year. A copy of their application was given to council members for review. The group was asking $3000. Following discussion, it was decided that they would be awarded a grant of $1000.

Min # 2026-102
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves providing a community grant in the amount of $1000 to the John Howard Society.

Motion Carried

Withdrawal of Motion – Wind Turbine Amendments

Mr. Bain spoke to the proposal to withdraw a motion made late in 2025, to amend zoning regulations regarding wind turbines, which were subsequently appealed and then later superseded by further amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law earlier in 2026.

Min # 2026-103
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council withdraw the following motion that was made at Municipal Council on November 18, 2025, Motion Number 2025-138:

That Municipal Council give Second Reading and approve the proposed amendments to the County of Antigonish Wind Turbine By-law to establish setback requirements for utility-scale wind turbines of four (4) times the turbine height, unless a greater distance is needed to ensure exterior sound levels do not exceed 40 decibels, to amend the minimum setbacks from watercourses and public highways to 60 metres, and to clarify that a "highway" is any street accepted and maintained by the Province or Municipality as a public thoroughfare.

Motion Carried

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports

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Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

In-Camera Items

Min # 2026-104
Moved and Seconded

That Council move into an in-camera session to discuss Acquisition, sale, lease or security of Municipal property at 3:46pm.

Motion Carried

Min # 2026-105
Moved and Seconded

That Council adjourns the in-camera session at 3:49pm.

Motion Carried

Min # 2026-106

Moved and seconded

That Municipal Council include HST on the purchase price of the land for PID's 01298249 and 10124360.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Min # 2026-107
Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council meeting adjourn at 3:49pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Nicholas MacInnis

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO

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